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SUBJECT: ORAL MESSAGE FOR ISRAELI EMBASSY, MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 7

1. FYI: THE FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE WAS PASSED BY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON TO MINISTER BAR-ON OF THE
ISRAELI EMBASSY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE: DUNNIGAN HAS REPORTED HIS DISCUSSION
WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON YESTERDAY ON THE SUBJECT OF
SOUTHERN LEBANON.

-- WE UNDERSTAND THE ISRAELI CONCERN WHICH THE FOREIGN
MINISTER EXPRESSED ABOUT THE CONTINUING PRESENCE OF THE
SYRIAN FORCE AT NABATIYAH.

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-- WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTINUING CONTACT WITH THE LEBANESE
AND SYRIANS ABOUT THE SITUATION. WE ARE AGAIN URGING
THEM, IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONCERNS YOU HAVE EXPRESSED,
TO SEEK A FORMULA UNDER WHICH THE FORCE CAN BE WITHDRAWN.

-- WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION FROM OUR TALKS WITH THE LEBANESE

AND SYRIANS THAT THEY WOULD BE PREPARED NOW TO PULL BACK ELEMENTS PRESENTLY SOUTH OF NABATIYAH, AT KFAR TIBNIT, TO

THE NORTH OF NABATIYAH TO THE TOWN OF JARMAQ. WE WOULD LIKE YOUR REACTION BEFORE WE GO TO THE OTHERS TO DISCUSS THIS IDEA.

-- WE ARE ALREADY URGING THE LEBANESE TO SEND INTO NABATIYAH THE LEBANESE FORCE THAT BOUTROS TOLD US THEY WERE SEEKING TO IDENTIFY.

-- IT APPEARS TO US THAT IF THE LEBANESE FORCE IS SENT INTO NABATIYAH AND IF THE SYRIAN FORCE IS WITHDRAWN TO THE NORTH OF NABATIYAH, THESE DEVELOPMENTS SHOULD HELP RELIEVE IMMEDIATE TENSIONS AND GIVE US TIME TO BRING ABOUT FURTHER WITHDRAWALS AS THE SITUATION PERMITS. WE COULD THEN DISCUSS THE REMAINING PROBLEM DURING MY VISIT NEXT WEEK. IN OUR VIEW, IT IS DOUBTFUL WE WILL SUCCEED IN ACCOMPLISHING MORE THAN THIS IN THE SHORT TIME REMAINING.

-- WE HAVE BEEN APPRECIATIVE OF THE FACT THAT ISRAEL HAS RESPONDED DIPLOMATICALLY AND NOT MILITARILY TO THE SITUATION. IN OUR VIEW A MILITARY MOVE BY THE ISRAELIS IN THE SOUTH OF LEBANON WOULD HAVE THE MOST SERIOUS RESULTS THROUGHOUT THE REGION AND WOULD BE EXTREMELY DETRIMENTAL TO OUR INTERESTS. WHILE I AM AWARE OF THE PRESSURES ON YOUR GOVERNMENT, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE HOW SERIOUSLY WE WOULD REGARD ANY MILITARY MOVE OF THIS
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KIND, PARTICULARLY ON THE EVE OF MY TRIP TO THE AREA.

3. END MESSAGE.
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